

## MEMORANDUM

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July 26, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: Harold H. Saunders  
Samuel M. Hoskinson

SUBJECT: Interim Message to Sadat

I understand that you have asked what "interim message" was sent to President Sadat on July 13. (Tab A)

About a week after Bergus and Sterner saw Sadat they sensed a "growing impatience" by Sadat to get on with the next steps of the new effort to produce an interim settlement. Sisco, therefore, instructed them to pass on to Sadat the word that:

--Sadat's response to the Bergus-Sterner approach had been regarded as "positive," reviewed at a "high level" and was helpful in planning our next move.

--We still were planning "intensive, in-depth talks with the Israelis as the next step, including a possible Sisco trip."

--The final decision on Sisco's trip and its timing would be made "in a matter of days" and that we would inform Sadat of the precise timing.

The "interim message" (Tab B) was this effort to keep Sadat in a holding pattern until you returned and an NSC meeting could be held.

DOS, NSS  
review  
completed.

*What in God's name  
was he going to do?*

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HAL Summers-

Do you know?  
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What is that

13 July 1971

Interview 25X1  
message?

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"After Sterner and I delivered interim message to Heykal today (13th) re interim arrangement, Heykal launched into almost an hour's conversation re Egyptian relations with Soviets.

"Soviets, according to Heykal, are still not satisfied with Egyptian position and attitude. They do not think treaty is enough. They believe some heads must roll in Egypt before Soviet position is secure. They are gunning particularly for Heykal. They have complained that Bergus is senior CIA agent in Egypt and has successfully recruited Heykal. Czech Embassy in Cairo has distributed clandestine leaflet attacking 'reactionary elements' in Egypt and pointing finger at Heykal.

"Heykal said Soviet delegation to upcoming Revolution Day ceremonies will be headed by Ponamarev. Ponamarev has asked to spend a full day with Heykal for a mutual sizing up process.

"Part of problem, said Heykal, is that persons implicated in attempt May 13 coup were willing to sell themselves to USSR in order to gain power in Egypt. There were elements in USSP who had indicated readiness to cooperate with Cairo plotters on this basis.

"Heykal then pulled from his desk a red leather-bound memo book which he said was written in Sami Sharaf's own handwriting. It was a journal of conversations Sharaf had in Moscow when he went there for Soviet Party Congress. A great deal of it was taken up with notes of conversations Sharaf had had with Brezhnev. Sharaf took the line that he was true heir of Nassar and indicated he willing to cooperate with USSR in exchange for Soviet support in Egypt. Heykal indicated, but did not state, that Brezhnev's responses did not repeat not discourage Sharaf over prospect of this support.

"Heykal did say that if May plotters had been able to take over, USSR would have moved into Egypt along lines of Czechoslovakia.

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**"Heykal asked that we not report forgoing. It is obvious that he has taken great risks in telling us these things. Please protect him absolutely.**

**"Bergus."**

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WHITE HOUSE PLEASE PASS TO SAN CLEMENTE FOR SECRETARY ROGERS

1. WITHOUT CASTING IN TERMS OF MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY, YOU SHOULD ASK HEYKAL TO TELL SADAT THAT (A) YOUR REPORT OF JULY 6 CONVERSATION WITH SADAT, WHICH WASHINGTON FOUND POSITIVE, HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT HIGH LEVEL AND HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO US IN PLANNING OUR NEXT MOVE; (B) WE STILL PLANNING ON INTENSIVE, IN-DEPTH TALKS WITH ISRAELIS AS NEXT STEP, INCLUDING POSSIBLE SISCO TRIP; (C) FINAL DECISION ON POSSIBLE TRIP AND ITS TIMING WILL BE MADE IN MATTER OF DAYS; (D) WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM LATER RE PRECISE TIMING OF ANY SISCO TRIP. FYI- GOI HAS AGREED TO SISCO TRIP, AND WE EXPECT TO HEAR FROM THEM RE-TIMING SOON. ALSO, THIS WHOLE MATTER SCHEDULED TO BE REVIEWED IN SAN CLEMENTE ON FRIDAY. END FYI. GP-3. IRWIN  
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STERNER AND I CONVEYED CONTENTS STATE 125328 TO HEYKAL AT 1 PM LOCAL TODAY. IN HIS USUAL BANTERING STYLE, HE SAID THIS WAS QUINTESSENCE OF INTERIM MESSAGE. AT SAME TIME, HE APPEARED GRATIFIED THAT DESPITE ALL THE SPECULATION IN ISRAELI PRESS, USG STILL PLANNING ON INTENSIVE, IN-DEPTH TALKS WITH ISRAELIS AS NEXT STEP.

BERGUS

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1. REPORTING SEPARATELY STATEMENT MADE YESTERDAY BY GUAR  
OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN TO EFFECT BERGUS AND STERNER BROUGHT  
NOTHING NEW TO CAIRO. THIS STATEMENT USEFUL IN CURBING WILD  
SPECULATION. AT SAME TIME WE BELIEVE IT REFLECTS GROWING  
IMPATIENCE OF SADAT AND HIS GOVERNMENT. IT IS NOW NEARLY  
ONE WEEK SINCE SADAT GAVE US PRECISE ASSURANCES REQUESTED  
BY SECRETARY.

2. IF THERE IS TO BE FURTHER SLIPPAGE IN FIRING UP OUR  
PLANS FOR NEXT STEPS, BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONSIDER BRIEF  
INTERIM MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO SADAT VIA HEYKAL. MESSAGE  
COULD STATE THAT WE BELIEVED JULY 6 CONVERSATION WAS VERY  
SATISFACTORY, WAS HELPFUL TO US IN DRAWING UP OUR PLANS, THAT  
PLANS IN FINAL STAGE OF CONSIDERATION, AND THAT WE WILL BE  
IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT SADAT SHORTLY.

3. FONMIN RIAD SCHEDULED RETURN CAIRO JULY 16. FOR MANY  
REASONS IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO BE ABLE TELL SADAT WHAT  
OUR NEXT STEPS WILL BE BEFORE FONMIN RE-ENTERS LOCAL SCENE.  
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